

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the expected value of the ST9 Project?

ST9 is currently budgeted at \$90M. Approximately \$5M is expected to be spent through phase A (pre-formulation), leaving approximately \$85M for formulation, implementation and operational phases. NASA currently requires a 30% margin, leaving approximately \$59M for the budgeted project. This does not include cost of the launch vehicle, but does include the cost of all development and experiment operations.

Who should attend this workshop?

Experts in technology areas defined by the workshop topic areas and subtopic splinter groups from industry, academia, NASA, DOD, other government agencies, and FFRDCs are encouraged to participate.

If I participate in the ST9 workshop, will I be precluded from responding to the ST9 solicitation?

No. All ST9 workshop participants, including session facilitators, are eligible to bid on the eventual ST9 solicitation.

How will ITAR and classified or proprietary materials be handled?

We can not guarantee absence of foreign citizens. Any individual or organization wishing to make a presentation must ensure that it has been ITAR cleared. Similarly, no guarantees can be made regarding the handling of classified or proprietary information. Thus participants are cautioned not to discuss or present these types of information.

Will presentations be permitted?

The workshop facilitators will make presentations relating to the workshop topics. Due to the schedule limitation, and to ensure fairness to all participants, we are not currently planning to allow presentations from attendees.

Why are the splinter sessions limited to 25 participants?

Splinter sessions are working meetings aimed at developing technology road maps and defining requirements for technology-validation experiments. To accomplish this with a group of more than 25 would be extremely difficult.

May I attend more than one splinter group?

No. Participants are expected to attend the entire session of their splinter groups. Therefore, it is not possible for a single individual to participate in more than one splinter group.

How many attendees may attend a splinter group from a single organization?

In order to be fair to all, and to get the maximum benefit from the workshop, no more than two people from an organization may attend any splinter group.

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There are no restrictions on the number of participants from an organization as long as there are no more than two people from any organization in any splinter group.

Will there be any display areas for industry to provide capabilities or even hand out brochures to those attending the workshop?

NMP will not be providing space for poster sessions or arrangements for distribution of company literature at the workshop. However, attendees are not precluded from making separate arrangements with the hotel.